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## Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas

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Encouraging poets and poetry in Arkansas since 1931

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**Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas (PRA) is pleased to announce the Best-of-Show Poetry winners at the 2017 Arkansas State Fair.**

The Adult division (age 19+) winner was John McPherson of Searcy for his poem "Kites." John is a retired Manager for the United States Postal Service. Since retirement he has served as a tax aide for both Jackson Hewitt Tax Services and the AARP. He has written poetry as a hobby most of his life and began entering contests 2 years ago. John is a good example of wonderful poets who come from all walks of life.

The Senior Youth division (age 14-18) winner was Grace Rew of North Little Rock for her poem "Desirable."

The Junior Youth division (ages 9-13) winner was Carlee Nguyen of Wynne for her poem "What Fall Changes."

In addition to the State Fair ribbons and prizes, the Best-of-Show winners received prizes and certificates from PRA as sponsor, plus press releases to their home town newspapers. The Adult winner also received a 1-year membership in PRA. Arkansas State Fair Poetry Contest winners in all categories are posted on the PRA webpage.

Our congratulations and best wishes to all the winners.

Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas (PRA) is the oldest, non-profit poetry organization in the state. PRA was established in 1931 to encourage the art of poetry and poets in Arkansas. Members are from all around the state, including past and present Arkansas Poet Laureates. Poets are encouraged to contact any branch President with questions or visit a meeting. PRA is an affiliate of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS). Arkansas's own Jim Barton of Huttig is currently serving as President of NFSPS. PRA and NFSPS sponsor educational poetry conferences and contests throughout the year for all age groups. **For more information see <http://poetsroundtableofarkansas.org> and like us on Facebook. Or contact PRA President Dennis Patton of Alexander at [patton\\_dr@hotmail.com](mailto:patton_dr@hotmail.com).**